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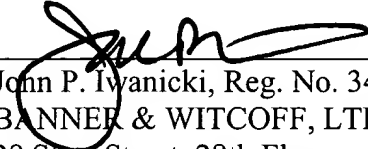
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.99, Applicant submits the references listed on the enclosed PTO form 1449. Copies of these references are enclosed. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the application in compliance with the continuing duty of candor as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56. Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application.

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